

# The Newsletter

June 2019

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## Clonenagh Group of Parishes

Annatrim - Borris-in-Ossory - Lacca - Mountrath - Roskelton - Seir Kieran

# The Rector Writes

## A Summertime Prayer:

Loving God, Creator of all times and places,  
we thank you for the gift of summertime,  
the days of light, warmth and leisure.  
Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look:  
the multi-coloured flowers,  
the deep blue of the sky,  
the tranquil surface of lakes,  
the laughter of children at play,  
people strolling in parks,  
families gathered around picnic tables and  
the increased time to spend with family and friends.  
As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people,  
open our hearts to receive all as gift.  
Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist.  
Help us to realise and appreciate that you are labouring  
to keep all in existence.  
And warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.  
Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer  
deepen our awareness of your love  
so that we may share this with others and enjoy  
a summertime of re-creation.  
Amen.

~Rev. Victor

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## Parish Notes

### Requiescant In Pace

We extend our sincere condolences to Noelle Kearney and Bertie Mulhall and all the extended Mulhall family on the death of their sister **Gladys Eveleen Gilhespy**, who passed away on Wednesday 15 May, aged 73 years. Her Funeral Service will take place at the Oak Chapel in Crownhill Crematorium, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, on Tuesday 4 June at 11.30am.

*May she rest in peace and rise in glory*

### Rectory Nature Garden:

Luther Burbank wrote: "Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." And that's very true, but flowers also make our birds, butterflies and bees so much happier too.

Over the past number of weeks the children of fourth, fifth and sixth class at Clonenagh National School accompanied by Ms. Burnell have been planting bee-friendly and bee-welcoming flowers, plants and trees in the Rectory garden. It has been great fun for the children and they've thor-

oughly enjoyed it. It's also very beneficial to the bees, whose numbers have been dropping alarmingly in recent years. Honey bees and bumble bees have taken a huge hit numerically year in year out in the past decade.

The children have been learning about the essential role played by bees and butterflies in pollination and every bit of planting that we can do with bee-attractive plants and flowers is essential for the well-being of our planet.

To date the children have planted dozens of new plants, sown many dozens of seeds, and have planted four trees. Well done to the students of Clonenagh National School and to Ms. Burnell for getting behind this wonderful project.

#### **Rectory Gates:**

Our thanks to Robert Senior for installing new gates at the Rectory. The gates are very modern and made from hard wearing steel, but have been styled to look heritage-like in appearance. As such the gates fit right in and are a welcome addition to the Rectory grounds and its new garden.

#### **Easter General Vestries:**

Our Easter General Vestries are now over for another year. A very sincere thank you to all who have given of their time and talents over the past number of years in serving on each of our three Vestries, and to our new Vestry members.

A very sincere thanks to Churchwardens, Glebewardens, Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers both new and returning, and our thanks to those who have given great service to the Group over the past number of years.

We send a very special word of thanks to Elizabeth (Offerlane) and Florence (Clonenagh) who between

them have given over three decades of dedicated, efficient and tremendous service to the respective Vestries as Honorary Treasurers, and our thanks to Stan (Offerlane) and Evelyn & Shiree (Clonenagh) who have kindly agreed to replace them.

We also send a very sincere word of thanks to Michael (Annatrim) who has stepped down as Churchwarden after many, many years of untiring service in the role.

Thank you too to our musicians: Mabel, Margaret, Joan and Serena for providing such uplifting music to accompany our church services.

To those on our flower rotas, Sunday Club leaders, Bible Study leaders and helpers, to James for his generous work with the Fellowship services in Lacca, Mothers' Union and GFS who make our parish such a vibrant and welcoming place to worship.

Special thanks to Mabel, John, Gillian, Charlie, Mervyn and James for the giving of their time in leading services in the Group. It wouldn't be possible for the Rector to effectively work in his role without the generosity of spirit of so many in the life and worship of our parish. God bless you all and thank you for all your kind, generous and wonderful work.

#### **Annatrim Baptismal Font:**

We thank Michael in Annatrim Church for the wonderful restoration of the baptismal font. The font has been very tastefully and carefully brought back to life with an injection of tender loving care and now sits in a new position in the church, in the centre aisle towards the back of the church. The font has been lovingly restored just in time for the Confirmation ceremony on 12 May. Thanks Michael!

### **Confirmation 2019:**

Please continue to remember our eight young Confirmation candidates who were Confirmed by Bishop Michael Burrows at the 11 o'clock service in Annatrim Church on the beautifully sunny Sunday 12 May. We send our very best wishes to Andrew, Ciara, Dean, Erin, Jacob, Jane, Jessica, and Ruth as they continue in their journey of faith.

### **Pentecost Eve Service:**

On Saturday night, 8 June at 8 p.m. in one church in each union/group of parishes, a special service for Pentecost will be held in one church of each group/union in the Diocese. This service will be in the form of a film, which was shot in the Diocese earlier this year and will feature a Facebook Live broadcast of the Bishop's introduction which will be made before the showing of the film. Join us at 8pm on Saturday 8 June in St. Peter's Church in Mountrath.

### **Borris-In-Ossory Summertime Church Opening:**

St. Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory will be opening on the Saturdays of the month of July for visitors and townspeople who would like to come in for a moment of prayer or for a visit. More details shortly.

### **Lacca Church Sunday School:**

Taking place on the first Sunday of every month, our Sunday School in Lacca is for all children in the parish. We encourage all children as it will be a great fun way for children to learn their bible through stories, games and crafts.

On the 1st of May the **Active Retirement Group** had a delightful walk in the Milenium Park behind Lacca Church, followed by refreshments in Lacca Hall. A minutes silence was offered for Hannah Dooley who died suddenly 4 weeks previous at the great age of 94. Hannah was an active member of the group until her sudden death. There was also a speech and a song sung. This was followed by a Committee meeting. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

**Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee** would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the Annual Golf Classic on Friday May 10th and made it such a great success. Thank you to sponsors, to anyone who entered a team, to those who gave raffle prizes, and to anyone who contributed in anyway. To date we have raised €6,321. Congratulations to all who won prizes on the day.

**Items for the July/August 2019 Newsletter need to be with the editor by WEDNESDAY June 19th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, June 23rd.**

**PLEASE** make your item as ready for publication as possible, and please ensure that names are spelled correctly.

**Ideally, items should be submitted by e-mail** to- [newsletter@clonenagh.com](mailto:newsletter@clonenagh.com)

Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 057-8621277/087-2522162

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# G.F.S. News



Many thanks to all who supported our Coffee Evening and Bring & Buy on 17th May. It was lovely to see all the girls crafts on display on the night.

Congratulations to all the girls who received Certificates for their Bible Study and Handcraft entries in Diocesan Competitions and on completion of their Drama badge.

Well done to all the following prize winners in Diocesan competitions:

## **Bible Study 7-9yrs**

Lucy Shore & Ava Shore: Tie 3rd place

## **Bible Study 9-11yrs**

Ciara Peavoy: 3rd place  
Rebekah Clegg: Highly Commended

## **Bible Study 11-13 yrs**

Jane Lalor: 3rd place

## **Handcrafts 5-7yrs**

Maeve Armitage: Highly commended

## **Handcrafts 7-9 yrs**

Emily Harvey: 2nd Place

## **Handcrafts 9-11yrs**

Rebekah Clegg: 3rd Place

## **Handcrafts 9-11yrs**

Leanne Shirley: Highly Commended

A big thank you to all the leaders for their time and dedication throughout the year

We hope you all enjoy your summer and we look forward to welcoming some new members in September.

## **Dates for your diary**

Friday 14th June: Choral Festival in St. Peters Church Mountrath 11am

Friday 14th June: GFS end of year trip (after school)

Sunday 16th June: Clonenagh National School Fete

Wednesday 19th June: Clonenagh National School End of Year Service



## Boosting Your Brain Power

Strengthen your mental muscle by actively challenging it. The following are some Brain Game puzzles which I hope you will enjoy. I am starting at level 1, so they will get more difficult. You will find the answers at the bottom of the back page of this Newsletter.

Emily Dunne  
Counselling & Psychotherapy  
Dip, B.A, B.A (Hons), M.A, A.P.C.P.

### Jump-Start Your Brain

## Word Ladder

LANGUAGE

PLANNING

Change CAT to DOG in 3 steps. Change just 1 letter on each line to go from the top word to the bottom word. Each line will contain a new word. Do not change the order of the letters.



CAT

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\_\_\_\_\_

DOG



## Find "Ox"

ATTENTION

LANGUAGE

VISUAL SEARCH

Ignoring spaces, capitalization, and punctuation, how many occurrences of the consecutive letters **o-x** can you find in the paragraph below?

While working in Wroxham, Otto Xavier put a box of rocks in Roxy's in-box, hoping to get her attention. Roxy found the box when she went to Xerox the announcement that she was leaving Wroxham to attend Oxford on a rowing scholarship as a coxswain. When he saw the announcement, Otto x-ed out Roxy's name in his Rolodex and turned his attention to Moxy, a foxy chatterbox he met at cardiokickboxing.





Clonenagh National School

Mountrath

# Summer Fete

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

1:30pm - 5:00pm

Family Fun Day

Children's Play Area

All Welcome



Monster Raffle



Refreshments

Lucky Dip



We Appreciate Your Support

# Services & Readings

June						
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 16: 16–34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22: 12–14, 16–17, 20–21 John 17: 20–26	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am Holy Communion	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Lacca</b> 10.30am Holy Communion	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am Morning Prayer	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b> Pentecost Eve		<b>Mountrath</b> 8.00pm Service of The Word				
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	Genesis 11: 1–9 Psalm 104: 26–36, 37b Acts 2: 1–21 John 14: 8–17, (25–27)	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.00am Holy Communion	<b>Annatrim</b> 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer		
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8: 1–4, 22–31 Psalm 8 Romans 5: 1–5 John 16: 12–15	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Lacca</b> 10.30am Service of The Word	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday/Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup></b> 1st Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 19: 1–4, 5–7, 8–15a Psalms 42, 43 Galatians 3: 23–29 Luke 8: 26–39	<b>Seir Kieran</b> Saturday 7.00pm Holy Communion	<b>Lacca</b> Sunday 10.30am Family Service	<b>Annatrim</b> Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer		<b>Mountrath</b> Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Saint Peter & Saint Paul Apostles	Ezekiel 3: 22–27 Psalm 52, 53 Acts 12: 1–11 Matthew 16: 13–19	<b>Mountrath</b> 8.00pm Holy Communion				
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> 2nd Sunday after Trinity	2 Kings 2: 1–2, 6–14 Psalm 77: 1–2, 11–20 Galatians 5: 1, 13–25 Luke 9: 51–62	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.00am Holy Communion				

# Parish Diary

## June

- 2nd Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School (page 4)  
**6th Thursday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes**  
 14th Friday.....Choral Festival (page 5)  
 14th Friday.....G.F.S. end of year trip (page 5)  
 16th Sunday.....Clonemagh National School Fête (page 5)  
 19th Wednesday.....Clonemagh National School end of year service (page 5)  
**19th Wednesday.....Closing date for July/August 2019 Newsletter**

## July

- Every Saturday.....Borris-in-Ossory Summertime Church opening (page 4)

Answers: Word Ladder- CAT, cot, cog, DOG, Find "OX" is 18.